



ST. BARTHOLOMEW, TREMPPEALEAU



ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE



Sunday Bulletin

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WHY WAS CHRIST CRUCIFIED BETWEEN TWO THIEVES?

I. TO IDENTIFY WITH FALLEN SINNERS – Jesus bore our guilt & shame, though He Himself was sinless. He endured the punishments we deserved.

We're all sinners, & like the two, we're thieves! How so? A thief takes what belongs to another. So is the one who uses what's given him in a way contrary to the giver's will. Haven't we all used the things of God, especially our bodies, in ways contrary to His will? Doing, seeing, saying, hearing what is sinful, not edifying? That is *not* God's plan for us. It's a form of theft.

II. TO IMAGE THE FINAL SEPARATION – The cross foreshadows the judgement seat—the just judge between the one who believed & was saved, & the other who mocked & was condemned. So it will be on the last day—sheep & goats, wise virgins & foolish.

III. TO INSIST ON FREEING SUFFERING – God offered paradise to Adam & Eve & thus to us, but we rejected it. Our insistence on living in 'Paradise Lost' means that He must insist upon the cross (suffering) as the only remedy for our salvation.

To follow Christ involves suffering & rejection. It postpones passing pleasures in order to inherit lasting ones. Some are willing to endure this, others aren't.

YOUR QUESTION IS THIS: Which thief are you?

Many today will have nothing to do with the cross, insisting that God would demand no such thing. In speaking to them about tough stuff like turning away from sin—even if the culture condones it—they insist, "God wants me to be happy, doesn't He?"

The latest "anti-cross" trend is physician-assisted suicide; it's a rejection of the cross. Yet those who support it insist on calling it "death with dignity" &/or the "right to die." They seem to think that suffering of this sort is meaningless.

Suffering is *not* meaningless. It brings wisdom, humility, perspective, strength, & trust. It reminds us that nothing of this world lasts & prepares us to meet God.

So which thief are you? The one who accepts the cross & is willing to die 'outside the gate' with Christ, or the one who insists that the cross must go?

God bless! Deacon Kent

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Total Offering	\$ 1,957.26	\$ 2,096.00

Counters: Dan Kelleher, Mary Ladwig

Intentions November 21 — November 27

Monday: NO MASS

Tuesday: NO MASS

Wednesday: NO MASS

Thursday: 9:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew

+ Annette Stellpflug

Friday: NO MASS

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. St. Mary

+ Dannette Hammer

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. St. Bartholomew

+ Carmen Woestman

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. St. Bartholomew

* Kowalewski Family (Living & Deceased)

Sunday: 10:30 a.m. St. Mary

+ Mike Moran

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY: Nov. 26

ST. MARY- 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: Kathy Kujak, LaVonne Peterson

Lector: Tom Ladwig

ST. BARTHOLOMEW - 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Greg Heinz, Volunteer

Server: John Severson

Lector: Doreen Backler

Communion Minister: Suzanne Lane, Volunteer

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY: Nov. 27

ST. BARTHOLOMEW - 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: Jason Hilton, Kris Krett

Servers: Jaylen Hilton, Volunteer

Lector: Anne Bagley

Communion Minister: Marlene James, Volunteer

ST. MARY- 10:30 a.m.

Ushers: Bruce Reedy, Sheryl Reedy

Lector: Ellen Karow

Religious Education (RE) REwind/Review

4th Grade Curriculum

The Commandments: The Fourth Commandment

Respect and obey your parents, guardians and others who have proper authority.

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

- ♦ **The PCCW is doing a Christmas collection.** We will be collecting items for the Trempealeau County Health Care Center for Christmas giving. **New items only.** These are **some ideas:** Crossword puzzle, adult coloring books, markers, crayons, sketch pads, hair brushes, hats and gloves, yarn, embroidery thread, craft supplies. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Leave your gifts unwrapped, so that they can best determine the appropriate recipient. They serve more than 250 residents, age eighteen years and older. There will be a box in the vestibule to put your donations in. We will be collecting these items until Sunday, November 27th.
- ♦ **Ecumenical Christmas Gathering** is on December 6. The Lutheran Church is hosting this year. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. The meal will be served at 6:00 p.m. All ladies of the parish are invited. This year our church has the mission project.
- ♦ Please pick up your **2023 envelopes** in the vestibule of the church. St. Bartholomew follows the Church Year.
- ♦ Need prayers for any health or anxiety issue - big or small. Contact the prayer chain, Doreen Backler, 608-534-6118 or Ethel Ouellette, 608-534-6520.
- ♦ Marriage Banns: Blaise Stegemeyer and Mianna Sobotta, date of marriage December 10, 2022.

ATTENTION ST. MARY PARISHIONERS

OUR MISSION: To love God, love others and go make disciples!

- ♦ St. Mary's Catholic Church PCCW will be collecting items for Marinuka Manor for bingo prizes. Residents have enjoyed for many years the bingo games and are in need of prizes. We will be collecting these items in the entry of the church. More information will be coming out but the list will include items like giant candy bars, handkerchiefs, fun socks, 300 piece puzzles and items for bird feeding.

PASTORAL COUNCIL ITEM FOR YOU.

+ Did you know that your face expresses the quality of your encounter with Jesus as you leave Mass?

- ♦ **NEED GOD'S HELP?** Contact St. Mary's Prayer Chain, Ellen Karow 582-2688 or ekarow@hotmail.com.
- ♦ **LIVING WATER Prayer Community** open prayer meeting this Sunday evening at 6:00-7:30 PM. 7:30 Fr. Mark Goring, CC; Fr. Michael Nixon; Sr. Sara Rose, TOR: On the Holy Spirit & the Catholic Charismatic Renewal.

COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ♦ **Thanksgiving Day Mass will be at 9:00 a.m.** not at 10:00 a.m. the usual Thursday Mass time.
- ♦ **No Religious Education on Wednesday, November 23.**
- ♦ **Bible Study** will continue on November 26, December 3 and 17, from 9:00-10:30 in St. Bartholomew church hall. All are welcome
- ♦ **CONGRATULATIONS** to the following Knights of Columbus award selectees. **Family of the Year Award:** Joe and MaryKay Plunger. **Founders Award:** Doreen Backler. Please take a moment and thank them for their tireless support of numerous parish ministries and programs.
- ♦ **Christmas Cookie and Candy Sale:** St. Bartholomew's and St. Mary's PCCW's will be having a Christmas Cookie and Candy Sale on Saturday, December 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- ♦ **GETogether Community Thanksgiving Dinner Free.** Catered traditional "Turkey & Fixins" sit-down dinner on Thanksgiving Day, November 24 from 11 am - 2 pm at the **Trempealeau Town Hall/Centerville Curling Club** as well as home-delivery. Call Doreen, 608-534-6118 by 7 pm Nov. 23 for home delivery.
- ♦ **Live Nativity at the Square in Galesville: Thursday, December 8** from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Live nativity characters and animals, great music, food, kids activities and shopping at downtown businesses. Sponsored by Zion Lutheran Church and Thrivent.
- ♦ **How does God speak to me?** Have you ever wondered how God may be speaking to you? Perhaps you are waiting to hear a loud, booming voice come from the heavens to tell you what to do or which way to go. While this isn't completely out of the question, often God takes a much subtler approach. In 1 Kings, we have the account of the Prophet Elijah standing at the entrance of a cave, waiting for the Lord to appear. As he waits, he encounters a strong, violent wind, a powerful earthquake, and a consuming fire, yet God was not revealing Himself in any of those powerful examples. Finally, as Elijah waited, he heard a soft, quiet whisper. At that, he knelt to the ground and prayed. God often speaks to us, not in grand and impressive ways, but in the silence. When we can still our hearts, that's when we begin to hear His voice, calling us into relationship and to follow Him. Sometimes that invitation is to follow the Lord as one who lovingly serves others in the priesthood. If you or someone you know is interested in discovering more about this call to the priesthood, please contact me at: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. God bless you!

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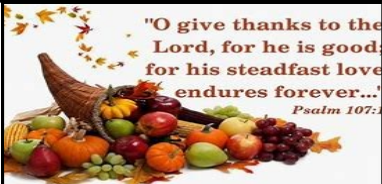
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